(b) the number of wagons placed with the Railways under the above scheme;

(c) the stage at which the matter stands at present as regards the supply of wagons for which orders have been placed by the Railways; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to utilise the wagon manufacturing capacity of the units both in the private and public sectors in West Bengal, which are clamouring for orders being placed with them for manufacture and supply of wagons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Orders for 4214 wagons (10535 four wheelers) have been placed by the parties under this scheme. 1801 wagons (4503 four wheelers) have already been manufactured and supplied under this scheme upto 30.6.96.

(c) and (d) For 1996-97, 25,000 four wheelers units of wagons are planned to be procured against Railways' Rolling Stock Programme. In addition to this, orders have been placed for 3605 four wheelers wagons under 'Own Your Wagon Scheme'. As on 1.4.1996, orders for 14715 four wheelers were outstanding on wagon builders. Out of these, 10197.5 four wheelers were outstanding on wagon builders located in West Bengal. Further orders against tender are under finalisation against which West Bengal units will also get their share.

External borrowing for Unigauge Project

2573. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seeking loans from World Bank and Asian Development Bank for its unigauge project;

(b) if so, the detals thereof; and

(c) the reaction of external funding agencies thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

शिक्षा पर व्यय

2574. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री 26 जुलाई, 1996 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 1431 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान बीते वर्षों में देश में शिक्षा पर सकल घरेलू उत्पाद का लगभग 3% खर्च किया गया है; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो सरकार का इस संबंध में क्या आकलन है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुही राम [illegible]) (क) और (ख) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के [illegible] वर्षों के दौरान केन्द्र और राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों द्वारा शिक्षा पर किया गया बजटीय व्यय सकल राष्ट्रीय उत्पाद का 3.5% रहा है।

Representation to Employees Associations in KVS

2575. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that though Government/the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan had decided to accord representation to employees' associations of KVS and its Board of Governors in 1991 and the same was given effect to in that year, the same has not been continued after 1994; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.